

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 339

By Green

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Emma Denley, 2013
Valedictorian of Clarksville Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Emma Denley is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class at Clarksville Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Emma has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Denley has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.0 while graciously dedicating her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts; and

WHEREAS, she has served as Archive Reporter, Vice President, and President of the Key Club; President of the National Honor Society; Secretary and Vice President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Assistant Editor and Editor of White Columns Publications; and Vice President of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, Emma has served as a member of the Math Club, Latin Club, and National Junior Honor Society, and as a participant in Model United Nations; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Ms. Denley helped organize "Shoe Week" at her school; she coordinated the school partnership with F.U.E.L. and started a collection drive; she served as coordinator for school communication with a medical mission in Haiti; she coordinated the first school wide photography booth at the Frolic on Franklin Downtown Art Walk; and she served as a member of Youth Leadership Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a volunteer for numerous organizations, including Operation Serve, the Riverfest Arts Festival, Rivers and Spires Arts Festival, Manna Café, Food Initiative, and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Denley is an active and devout member of Grace Community Church; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Emma has been named to the Clarksville Academy Honor Roll; she earned *Cum Laude* honors for Latin II and *Merit Award* honors for Latin IV on the National Latin Exam; and she is a recipient of the Jo M. Greene Award, the U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize Regional Award, the American Meteorological Society Award, the United States History Award; and

WHEREAS, she was invited to attend the Presidential Inaugural Conference and she was nominated for the National Youth Forum of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Emma's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the College of Charleston; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tristan and Kimberly Denley, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Emma Denley's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 Clarksville Academy Valedictorian, Emma Denley, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.